

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 17 to page 28, line 2, as follows:

In the above description, the driver 2 displays black gradation on the entire display face in the OFF sequence period 102. However, it is also allowed that substantially black gradation is displayed on the display face. Moreover, it is allowed that medium gradation or white gradation is displayed. Even in this case, when a voltage to be applied to each ~~portion of~~ portion of the liquid crystal layer 1 is constant, the similar advantage as described above can be obtained though in varying degrees because the alignment of liquid crystals of the liquid crystal layer 1 becomes a uniform state.

Please amend the paragraph at page 28, lines 3-12, as follows:

However, when the display face is changed to white display in the OFF sequence period 102, it is considered that some portions do not change to the bend orientation and the splay orientation ununiformly remains depending on a pixel so that the display face is seen uneven though this is a problem of degree. Therefore, it is preferable that a voltage at which middle gradation is displayed or higher is applied to the liquid crystal layer 1 in the OFF sequence period 102. In this case, it is the most preferable that ~~black~~ black gradation is substantially displayed on the display face.

Please cancel the original Abstract at page 71, lines 1-17 in its entirety and insert therefor the following replacement Abstract on a separate sheet as follows: